

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Sayoko MATSUMOTO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/574,583	)	Examiner: Kapushoc, Stephen Thomas
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Filed: February 8, 2007	)	Confirmation No.: 3961
	)	
For: METHOD OF STRETCHING	)	
SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC	)	
ACID, SINGLE-STRANDED	)	
NUCLEIC ACID STRETCHING	)	
SYSTEM AND DNA CHIP	)	

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed December 11, 2008, the period for response to which extends through March 11, 2009, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.